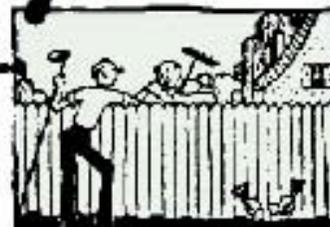




The Garden Spray

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✿ CLUB PUBLIC GARDEN TOUR ✿ SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JULY 10TH AND 11TH NOON TO 5 P.M.

Our tour to raise money for the horticulture scholarships we award is upon us, and here are the details for your participation. This is our only fundraiser for scholarships, so the help of all of you is important. Our hope is that you will see the gardens if you can, and invite friends and family to go also. Full information is now posted on our website, and you can refer others there, or check it out yourself.

Tickets are now available; they were handed out to interested persons at the June tour. If you need some to sell, or wish to purchase some, please contact Denise Rust, (763)560-7747, dkkrust@hotmail.com. They will not automatically be sent out to everyone, so you must request them. If you are purchasing tickets for yourself, or know someone who wishes tickets in advance of the tour, please send a check made out to MGCM for the amount of the tickets, and include a self-addressed stamped legal size envelope to Denise Rust, 7933 Girard Ct. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55444. Tickets are \$15 each for a drive yourself tour, good both days, or \$25 each for bus tickets, good only on Saturday.

Our bus is an air conditioned motor coach with restroom and a capacity of 47. It will stop at all

six of the gardens on tour. The bus will pick up passengers at the SE corner of Southtown Center by Southtown Lanes. Southtown Center is located between I-494 and American Blvd. W. (formerly 80th), just east of Penn. Ave., in Bloomington. The bus will begin boarding at 11:45 AM Saturday, with departure at noon. The bus will return around 5:00 PM. Beverages only will be provided; please arrange to eat beforehand or pack something that you can eat en route.

For those wishing to drive themselves to the gardens, you may either purchase tickets in advance, as noted above, or buy a ticket at one of the gardens. Drive yourself tickets can be used either day, or both.

The Public Tour Committee chose the six gardens with care, and they reflect care, creativity and a wide variety of plant material. All are located across the south metro area; two belong to non-members of the club. Here is a list of the gardens, with descriptions to give you a taste of what to expect. Photos from the gardens are posted on the club website, www.minneapolisgardensclub.org.

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Thoughts from the Prez:



by Don Untied

The July 10 – 11 2010 Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis (MGCM) Distinctive Gardens Tour deserves the full support of each member of the club. The money raised supports our MGCM Horticulture Scholarship program, something that we should all be proud of and that we should all be working hard for.

Past President Denise and the Public Tour Committee comprised of Denise as Chairperson and other members Gary, Elizabeth, the two Dave's, Delores, William, and Kent have selected six truly distinctive gardens for us and our friends to see on this years public tour. Each of the gardens look to be "a must see". Think for a minute about your friends, neighbors, and relatives that enjoy seeing quality plantings. Think about asking them to buy tickets to be able to see these distinctive gardens on either Saturday or Sunday (or both days). The price of \$ 15 per ticket is minimal for one or two afternoons of enjoyment.

And everyone that purchases a ticket will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping to fund MGCM scholarships to help young men or women to study some phase of gardening or landscaping. 19 years ago our club members were able to fund two \$ 1,000 scholarships. Could we get back to that level again? We could if everyone makes an effort to sell 5 to 7 tickets as a minimum.

The amount of the scholarships that will be given this year and in 2011 (the public tour is an every other year event) will depend on what we raise in our ticket sales. That decision will be made by our MGCM Scholarship Committee chaired by

Kent Petterson. Quick arithmetic though tells me that to fund two \$ 1,000 scholarships we need to sell a minimum of 268 tickets. It would seem to me that as a club we can do far better than this?

Visitors to our clubs new web site will find a "new look" thanks to Andy Marlow. Andy reached out to many in developing the updated site. Thanks Andy.

Just over the horizon we have two special events to look forward to in August – the MGCM Club Tour August 7 and the FFF (Flower, Food, and Photo) Show on August 21 & 22. Dave W. Johnson and Judy Berglund are Chairs of the respective committees making the arrangement. Watch the August SPRAY for details.

The Wednesday Star Tribune announces garden events. We were able to enjoy a wildflower walk at the Eloise Butler Park. Julie, the naturalist, said there are 504 species on the 15 acres. Today I visited the Millennium Garden in Plymouth. Have you seen it? It is impressive. More than \$ 550,000 of donations has gone into making it a show piece!

Sincerely,

Don Untiedt, President
Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis.



A Note from the Editor

By Jason Rathe

With all the rain it is hard to complain too much this summer, huh? It should make for some fantastic garden viewing t the public tour.

Also, I strongly encourage everyone to take a look at the new MGCM website. Andy has put a lot of work into updating the site. It has a great fresh look and I think does a great job of reflecting the diverse and energetic nature of our club.

Have a great summer.

TREASURER REPORT

Bank Bal. on 6-20-10
9,171.16

CD
5,000.00

Designated funds
Memorial/Park garden fund
1,281.21
Scholarship fund
120.00

Working Balance \$7,769.95

Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
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July 10 & 11		Public Garden Tour
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Aug 7th		Club Tour
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Aug 21 & 22	Sat/Sun	FFF/MN Arboretum
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LHC = Lake Harriet Church (4901 Chowen Ave. S., Minneapolis)
WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church



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Garden Addresses

Gary & Joanne Geister
3615 Wescott Hills Dr. E.
Eagan

Judy & Steve Berglund
15801 Randall Ln.
Minnetonka

Carole Ann & Doug Brekke
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Burnsville

Mark Storck and Craig Berdan
15835 Randall Ln.
Minnetonka

Connie & John Young
11333 Louisiana Cir.
Bloomington

Carol Schreier
4949 Thomas Ave. S.
Minneapolis

Tour participants are also invited to see the Trial Garden of perennials planted and maintained by the MGCM on the NW corner of King's Highway and Roseway Rd. in Lyndale Park, should time allow. This is not far from Carol Schreier's home.

Geisters, Eagan

Meander through a multi-level tiered yard amongst a sea of annuals and perennials where you will find plants for sun and shade. See handmade arbors made out of wire and rebars and covered with vines. This garden is filled with antiques, garden art and lots of container gardens. Rest under the palapa with your feet in the sand; stroll along the limestone path to "Lake Geister"; sit a spell on the glider and watch nature at its best. This will put a smile on your face!

Brekkes, Burnsville

Carole Ann began gardening in a 5' by 10' patch of earth behind the house in 1977, which quickly became too crowded. She eventually developed a larger plan with the help of former MGCM member Eldon Hugelen; the garden now flows from front to back

and contains about 200 plants. She has a wonderful variety of plants for shade and sun, including hosta, roses, daylilies, numerous perennials and woodland plants. Larger species include a Ram's Horn Willow, Trost's Dwarf European Birch, American Linden and a Devil's Walking Stick, as well as numerous shrubs. There is a koi pond out back, and a large copper trellis built by her husband Doug that supports wisteria, clematis and plume poppy. She has birdbaths front and back, and enjoys the sounds of nature as she tends to her garden.

Youngs, Bloomington

This beautiful garden can be described as a densely planted, free-flowering, cottage style perennial, annual and herb garden. It was artfully designed to be flush with blooms from spring to fall by Connie, who is a Hennepin Co. Master Gardener. The gardens, which have been created over the past 20 years, are outlined with reclaimed pavers which give them a vintage flair. Chilton stone paths that weave through the beds provide easy access. Both front and back gardens showcase a wide variety of plant material. The

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Youngs' garden was featured in the Minneapolis Star Tribune in January.

Berglunds, Minnetonka

Growing up on a farm, Judy has always enjoyed the flavor of fresh vegetables from the garden. A sunny spot for vegetables was a priority when the property was purchased 30 years ago; little did the Berglunds know that the one sunny spot was on top of several feet of gravel and clay that was once the railbed for the Excelsior Trolley. Today the edible garden includes everything from heirloom tomatoes, potatoes, and pumpkins to asparagus, blueberries and raspberries. The yard also includes a shade garden, a rose garden, perennials and woodland wildflowers which all embrace habitat for songbirds and butterflies. Welcome to the Berglunds' green acre.

Mark Storck and Craig Berdan, Minnetonka

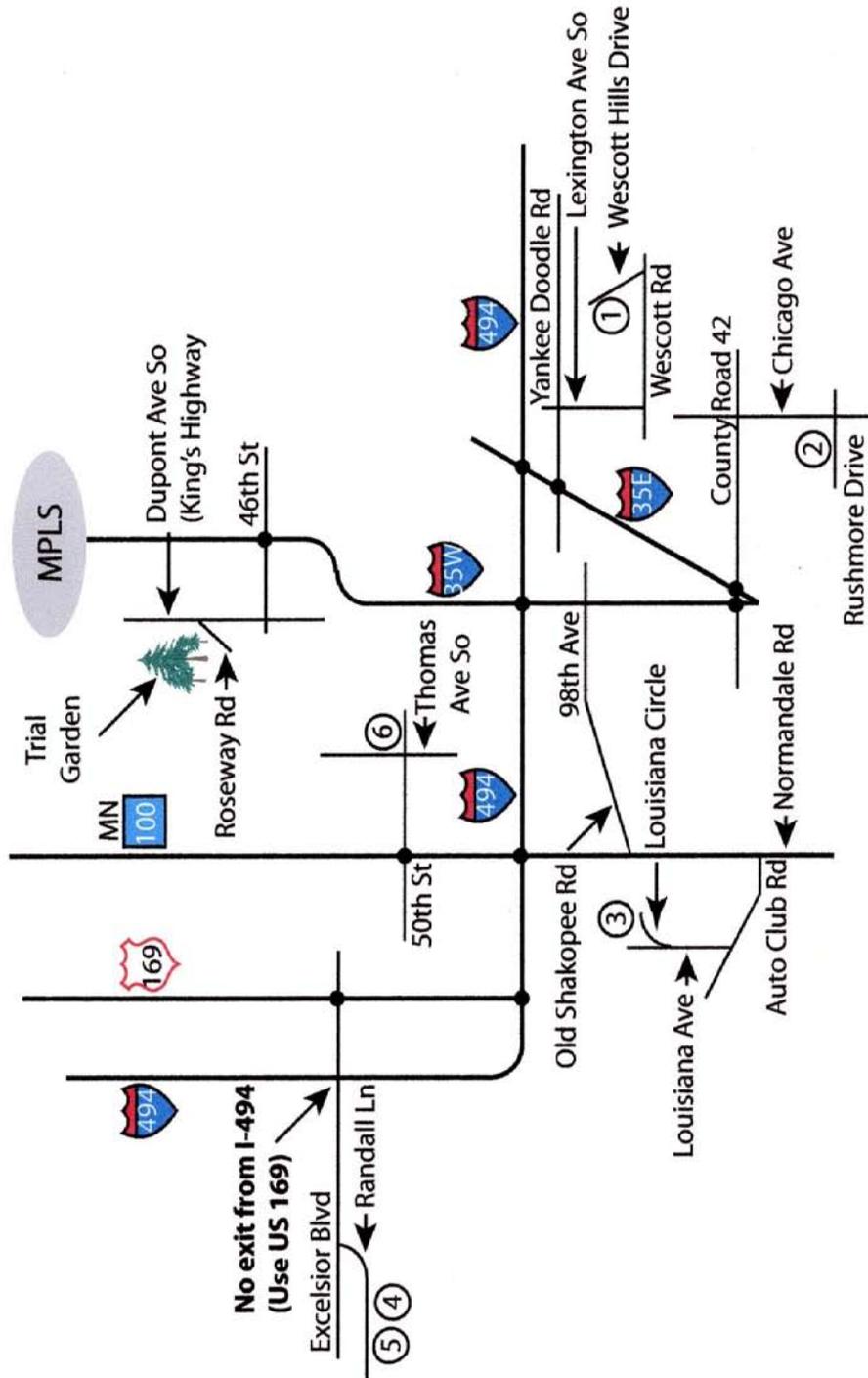
When this house was purchased in 2004, the yard was comprised of much lawn, vegetables and raspberries, a few flowers, as well as weeds, and a mountain of the Excelsior Trolley berm covered in discarded carpet and shingles. A transformation was imminent, with a look to privacy, wildlife, and a focus on the long-term. One can now relax on the mountain, sit on an inlaid dragonfly patio nestled in perennials and pines, sit by a campfire, or on the deck or patio. There are stairways and trails of uncut pavers, wood chips and timbers; some trails lead to somewhere and some go nowhere at all. A variety of discrete plantings are scattered about: a plum oak forest with wild roses, a northwoods slope, an apple orchard, hosta gardens, vegetables, spruce, a Middle Earth terraced garden and rock gardens, along with thought to winter interest as well. Welcome to "The Lodge."

Carol Schreier, Minneapolis

This modest city lot began with a magnolia bush to cover a water main repair. Fifteen years later the lot is all gardens: boulevards, front hillsides, top and sides are covered with perennials, grasses, roses, lilies, dahlias and kitchen herbs. The back yard contains a small pond, a pergola, and a rain garden. Raspberries cling to the side farthest from the neighbor's black walnut tree. There is not a blade of grass in sight and little level ground. Lilacs, serviceberry, dogwood and tamarisk provide fragrance, as well as food and shelter for birds. It is a work of love, and a testament to the connection of all living things. Carol received a "First Place Exceptional Garden" award from Metro Blooms.

(The map is not drawn to scale. It is just to give you an idea of how to find the gardens. Detailed Google maps for each garden can be found on the MGCM website: www.minneapolisgardenclub.org. A pocket map and knowledge of the area will also help guide you.)

Map to Tour Gardens





June Outdoor Event

MGCM had a wonderful outdoor program on Saturday, June 12—even with the rain! Betty Ann Addison, owner of Gardens of Rice Creek, was our host. She gave us a tour of both her home garden and nursery, and the Meditation Garden at the Springbrook Nature center which she designed. Dinner was at the home and garden of Don Untiedt and Jim McKee.

The Gardens of Rice Creek home nursery is open on Saturdays. For those of you that missed the tour, do go and visit. Betty Ann lives in Fridley and has lovely gardens both in front and back of her home. The back gardens slope down to the edge of Rice Creek. Check the website for dates, information, and directions. www.gardensofricecreek.com



Betty Ann Addison



...more June Event pictures





**Save this date
August 7 Club Member Garden Tour**

We will be touring the gardens of Andy Marlow, Mary Maynard, Larry & Randi Larson, Bob Olson, and Ann LaFlem, all MGCM Club members. We all know (from our June meeting) that our members have GREAT gardens!

The afternoon tours will be followed by a catered meal at Larry and Randi Larson's. More specific information including cost and a map will be in the August Spray.

**New Member Profile:
Nancy Simpson**

Spending some of her childhood on her grandparent's farm, Nancy said "I just sort of acquired the spirit within, to grow things". She feels there's part of her that's still a farm girl and it's kept alive by gardening. Some of the things she likes to plant in her garden, Dahlias for example are reminiscent of her childhood and her grandmother. Nancy remarked, "A lot of people will carry on recipes from their ancestors. My ancestors didn't cook anything I want to repeat, so I honor my heritage and lineage growing what they grew". In the spring she checks the condition of her perennials and then will supplement color and artistry with annuals. "I turn my little lot into a piece of paradise". She enjoys entertaining in the garden and even has heated areas to keep guests comfortable when temperatures are cool.

When asked about nurseries frequented she mentioned Holasek's greenhouse in Chanhassen. It's a family owned business, starting out as a vegetable farm 45 years ago. She worked there when she was younger and enjoys re-connecting with the people that she still knows. Living in Excelsior, she also enjoys Tonkadale Nursery in nearby Minnetonka. When asked to name her favorite part about gardening, Nancy said it was communing with God and nature.



***2010 FFF SHOW – AUGUST 21 & 22
at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum***

We hope that all club members will consider bringing a few of their favorite flowers and vegetables to the show. If you have not participated before, many members are experienced exhibitors and will be happy to offer our help with hints on how to show those prize winning flowers and vegetables at their very best. The general rules are all on the club website along with all of the entry classes. There is even an example of how to fill out an entry tag. If websites are not your thing, please pick up one of the orange FFF Show booklets at the public tour.

Our featured flower is the dahlia, which may be exhibited as individual blossoms or in planters. Herbs are this year's featured food. Herbs may be exhibited as 3 stems of one variety, a collection of 5 different varieties or as a container growing one or more varieties.

We encourage all of you to get on the band wagon and enjoy the fun and comradery of showing off the best of the best of what we all enjoy the most – GARDENING.

So – come one, come all and bring your best flowers, food and fotos to the best show in town on August 21 & 22.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

WANTED: PRIME SPECIMENS FOR THE 2010 PHOTO CONTEST

It's a busy time of the year for gardeners, but here's one more weeding project to add to your list: winnow your photo collection down to your best 20 digitized horticultural photos and send them by Email, CD or memory stick (USB drive) to Chuck or Lloyd by the end of July. Our judges will do their best to select the best specimens, arrange them and put them on display. They may even cover them in blue ribbons.

Still feeling some excess energy? Single out two prints and mail or hand-deliver them to Chuck or Lloyd by the same deadline, to be voted on by anyone who attends the Flower, Food and Foto show, August 21 and 22. But it's members only for that competition, the People's Choice.

The rules and our addresses are posted at minneapolisgardensclub.org/, as well as some sample winners from the 17 previous contests.

So roll up your sleeves and get busy.



TIDBITS

Tangletown Garden Tour

Tangletown Gardens is having their annual garden tour on Saturday, July 24. This is one of the premier tours in the Twin Cities. I hear that this year owner Scott Endres is having his own garden on the tour. Scott was one of MGCM'S scholarship winners and a fabulous garden artist. Tangletown Gardens uses the proceeds from their tours to fund public garden projects, so support their tour! Get tickets at Tangletown. Check their website: www.tangletowngardens.com

by Kay Wolfe

MGCM Has a new website

Andy Marlow has been working hard to overhaul the Men's Garden Club web-site. With input from Kay Wolfe the web-site has a new look, plus new features. You have to check it out!

www.minneapolismensgardenclub.org



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